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Banquet to Miss Bower.

A banquet was held in the Methodist Church Monday evening after League service in honor of Miss Bower who has ever been a most faithful worker in the Society. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Huestis, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Callison, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bower, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Speakman, Messrs. Michener, Wilson, Plank, Porter, Tennant, Turnbull and Coote, and Misses Michener, Cole, Martin, Merriat, Clark, Smith, McKinnon, Hewson, J. McLeod, M. McLeod, Mott, Markle, Ward.

An address was read to Miss Bower and a cut glass fruit dish presented to her by the members of the League, to which she made a suitable reply. Messrs. Huestis, Michener and G. W. Smith referred to the faithful work of Miss Bower in the church during her stay in Red Deer and regretted very much her removal to the east but all wished her much joy.

L. J. Porter occupied the chair in a most able manner and also acted as toast master during the evening.

Penhold Christmas Tree.

A very successful Christmas tree and entertainment was held in Penhold on Monday evening. Rev. J. G. Rogers presided over a very large gathering and the utmost good feeling and appreciation of the items reigned. The hit of the evening was the arrival of Santa Claus who led in amidst the greatest enthusiasm a full sized reindeer. Special attention has been given for weeks past to the training of the children by an energetic committee together with Mr. Platt the school teacher whose violin accompaniment added much to the interest of the concert. Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman to the death of Mrs. Stewart, who asked the audience to pass a vote of condolence by standing.

Third Annual Seed Fair.

The third annual seed fair of the Red Deer Exhibition Assoc'n will be held in Alexandra Hall, on Friday Jan. 22nd. This fair is for the purpose of exhibition, sale and exchange of farm seeds. The prize list is as follows: Spring wheat—any hard variety \$5, 31 Spring wheat—any soft variety 5 31 Fall wheat—any hard variety 5 31 Fall wheat—any soft variety 5 31 Oats—Long 8 52 Oats—short 8 52 Barley—six-rowed, any variety 4 21 Barley—two-rowed, any variety 4 21 Barley—seedless 4 21 Barley—hulled 4 21 Brome Grass Seed 3 21 Timothy 3 21 Rye 3 21 Rye Grass Seed 3 21 The program is: 10 a.m.—All exhibits must be in place, judging by W. C. McKillop of the Dominion Seed Branch, 12 to 1.30—Seed market, buying and selling of Seed, also Grain Judging School.

The long evenings are coming on, and you will naturally want some reading matter.

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Mrs. Stewart of Penhold Dead.

Irene E., relict of the late John Stewart, of Penhold, died at the sanatorium, Banff, on Sunday last aged 61 years. Deceased was one of the first white women in the Red Deer district and could relate many a story of pioneer life. She moved to Alberta with her husband the late John Stewart in the year 1884 and almost at once started ranching north west of Penhold. They were prominent figures during the rebellion. The family left to mourn her death are Norman and Thomas S., of the firm of Stewart Bros., Penhold, and the four daughters, Misses Edna M., Eva E., Mabel A. and J. A., who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Christmas Services.

On Christmas Day the services at St. Luke's church will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; morning prayer followed by Holy Communion at 11 a.m. The anthem "Behold I bring you glad tidings" (Baruch), will be rendered by the choir.

Service will be held at the Methodist church, Christmas day, at 11 o'clock, when Rev. Mr. Huestis will preach an appropriate sermon.

The Presbyterian church congregation will hold their Christmas service Sunday morning next.

The Cup Competition.

During the past week the Curling Club has been busy playing off the competition for the Red Deer silver cup. This is the keenest competition of the season and every rink has to play every other rink of the club. So far the games played are:

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| Welliver, sk. 10 | Payne, sk. 9 |
| Brumpton, sk. 9 | Drake, sk. 8 |
| Hanna, sk. 9 | Clark, sk. 7 |
| Stephenson, sk. 9 | T. A. Gaetz, 12 |
| Carwell, sk. 12 | Drake, sk. 13 |
| Clark, sk. 16 | Brumpton, sk. 5 |
| Welliver, sk. 10 | Stephenson, 8 |
| Hanna, sk. 12 | Gaetz, sk. 11 |
| Clark, sk. 15 | Carwell, sk. 12 |

Following is the draw for the Red Deer Cup:

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| Dec. 15—Payne vs. Welliver. |
| Dec. 16—Hanna vs. Clark. |
| Dec. 17—Carwell vs. Drake. |
| Dec. 18—Welliver vs. Stephenson. |
| Dec. 19—Payne vs. Hanna. |
| Dec. 20—Clark vs. Carwell. |
| Dec. 21—Stephenson vs. Drake. |
| Dec. 22—Brumpton vs. Hanna. |
| Dec. 23—Stephenson vs. Brumpton. |
| Dec. 24—Welliver vs. Drake. |
| Dec. 25—Clark vs. Stephenson. |
| Dec. 26—Hanna vs. Welliver. |
| Dec. 27—Humber vs. Payne. |
| Dec. 28—Gaetz vs. Humber. |
| Dec. 29—Stephenson vs. Hanna. |
| Dec. 30—Carwell vs. Welliver. |
| Dec. 31—Humber vs. Stephenson. |
| Jan. 2—Drake vs. Humber. |

Ministers are now in Ottawa.

The Men's Mass Meeting.

Last Sunday afternoon J. R. Cowell addressed the Men's Mass Meeting at the Baptist church, his address being a continuation of the discussion "What is going to become of the white man." Mr. Cowell in his felicitous and eloquent style emphasized the lamentable state of our 20th century conditions, socially, industrially and politically, but he defended the proposition that it was illogical and irrational to attempt to tread the question upon a mathematical basis. Great minds had endeavored to create an exact and mathematical philosophy, but all in vain. No one can reduce to a precise science the aspirations, emotions, affections or powers of the human will. In the day of Caesar's glory who could have predicted the advent of the British barbarian to the excited ecstacy of universal supremacy and the corresponding dismemberment and decline of the Roman empire?

The difficulties of the world-be prophet are rendered insuperable by the problem of divine sovereignty. Mr. Cowell insisted that the one all commanding factor in the life of the dominant white race was the spiritual religious faith. Mr. Cowell felt satisfied that in any racial collisions of the future, victory would be on the side of the people recognizing the divine, and responding to high moral dictation.

Among those who sustained the open discussion was Mr. Speakman, of Penhold, who in a very forceful, able and concise speech denounced Asiatic exclusion from the Christian standpoint as rank and unbecoming hypocrisy. The doctrines that would avoid racial antipathy were the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

We should apply practically the principles of teaching at Vancouver as at Shanghai.

The meeting was one of the best ever held, over sixty men being present.

Next Sunday afternoon the topic will be "How to make 1909 a success." Five minute addresses will be given by leading citizens. Open discussion. All men heartily welcome.

Hillsdown.

There is a general feeling of satisfaction among the residents of this district at the prospect of a speedy settlement of the long standing school question. The boundaries of the Valley Centre school district and the placing of the school house in such an inaccessible and undesirable position have been a great detriment to the progress of this district in the past. The re-adjustment of the school district as proposed by the district organizer will solve the difficulty in the most satisfactory way possible, and whether the school house is moved east or west it will most certainly be in a better and more healthy situation. The placing of the schoolhouse on the east trail at or near Van O'Connor's will benefit eight or nine families with some twenty to twenty-five children of school age, many of whom have hitherto been deprived of the advantages of a regular education. Moreover, it will be in a far more convenient situation for church and other purposes.

The annual Xmas tree entertainment of the Presbyterian Church was held last night. The children gave an excellent rendering of the Cantata, "The coming of Santa Claus." Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Wanless and Mrs. Brown were gratified at the result of their training, as were all the parents and friends who were present.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23d, 1903.

THE ALBERTA CENTRAL
RAILWAY CHARTER.

Asking for an extension of the charter of the Alberta Central railway has called forth a strong protest from the people of the west. The charter was first granted in 1901 and the settlers have waited eight years for a railway until they have become deadly sick of the whole business, and they are now crying out to cancel the charter and give some other railway a chance. John T. Moore wants an extension. That is only natural, now that he sees a chance to make something out of it. His forte is promoting enterprises of this sort, whether successful or otherwise. He was going to have Red Deer a great city in a few years when he was managing the Leadley estate. He was going to have our town the capital of Alberta and did not seem to have an inkling of how weak he was until the assembly met, when he could hardly get a second vote in his motion. He was the promoter of the electric lighting system and when the bill was passed the rates were inserted. They were low and no kick could be found. As soon, however, as the people have become accustomed to the system and have installed lights, the company find out they must have higher rates, and the town protesting, arbitration is resorted to, with the result that the town is worsted, as Mr. Moore knew it would be, owing to that little clause allowing them the privilege of charging as high a rate as other places in the west. This Alberta Central railway charter has, some people think, been the means of keeping other railways out of Red Deer. Mr. Greene admitted an offer had been made for the charter, but the company refused to sell, because the purchaser would not be to build a road at once. Yet the Alberta Central Railway Company are asking for the same privilege extended to them, while they will not build the road, but hope to sell to other parties. The company can hold the charter by starting to build the road before the first of May. They can claim the subsidy of something over three thousand dollars a mile by paying up ten per cent of their stock. They can secure the co-operation of every citizen by showing a single scratch of the pen that the C. P. R. or any other railway desires to secure the charter. But they do nothing of the kind. There is nothing tangible offered now. Mr. Galbraith had an interview with Mr. Moore and after some talk he called the executive of the Board of Trade together. Mr. Moore addressed them Wednesday night and a hasty meeting was called Friday night. Many previous engagements had been made and there was a small attendance outside the Central Alberta Railway people. The object of the meeting seemed to be to send some one clothed with authority from the Board of Trade to the Evans meeting to persuade them to drop their petition to the minister of Railways, or at least show them that Mr. Moore at last had something pretty strong up his sleeve. He had talked with the C. P. R. people and there was every prospect of them running a line through here because they had allowed Mr. Moore to talk to them and had patiently listened to his story. We cannot blame Mr. Moore for wanting an extension of the charter of the Alberta Central Railway now that the provincial government and railway companies all seem to be shaping towards a railway extension in the province and he has everything to gain and nothing to lose, but the News has

so far failed to see anything in the arguments used to convince it that there is anything more in the mysterious stories circulated by Mr. Moore than that he wants the charter of his railway extended for two years and this is the only way it can be done. Since writing the above we learn that the people of Evans at the meeting Saturday night were willing to petition for an extension of the railway for one year with the understanding that work start and a certain amount be built within that time.

BE A SPORT.

R. B. Welliver boastfully claims in the Advocate that he did remarkably well considering the Mayors letter eulogizing Mr. Botterill, the papers against him, the Council against him to a man, and even the town police bringing votes for his opponent. Mr. Welliver knows the Mayor's letter gave him a pretext for complaint and he claims it was the means of giving him twenty votes. How it could gain him votes and still do him harm is not explained. The papers were very fair to Mr. Welliver and were practically neutral in fact the Advocate in publishing his interviews gave him more publicity than it did Mr. Botterill and the News was as mild as a breeze in June, and was practically independent except that we said Mr. Botterill had had experience and Mr. Welliver had not and this was fatal to Mr. Welliver's chances. We spoke the absolute truth. Mr. Welliver says the Council to a man was against him. This again is a false statement and has no foundation in fact. The police story, to the effect that the chief was asked to bring to the poll one of his own personal friends who was already pledged to Mr. Botterill, and for a joke he said he would, and he did and that is the full extent of his crime. We always thought Mr. Welliver was a sport, in fact he always claimed to be one, but this kind of stuff does not look like it. We advise R. B. to take his medicine like a man and stop whining over split milk.

OUR SCHOOL LAWS.

Liberal papers are never tired of talking about our Educational system in Alberta, and boasting of the efforts of the Rutherford administration on behalf of the people, and the immense amount of good they have done by promoting in every available way the educational interests of the settlers. Articles of this nature are mere vapors of a subsidized press. Not a single change has been made in the old North West School Ordinances nor a word has been changed in the school laws by the local government since they came into power in 1905. The School Act of the old North West Territorial government is still good enough for the people of Alberta, so good in fact that the present government hardly know how to change it, and it seems a shame that all the credit should go to premier Rutherford for the splendid laws given us by F. W. G. Haultain one of the cleverest and most popular men that ever held office in the west.

TAKE GRIEVANCE TO RAIL-
WAY BOARD.

The live stock shippers of Western Canada will present their grievances to the railway commission at the sitting to be held at Winnipeg in the month of January. At the annual meeting held Thursday night in the Leland hotel, Winnipeg, forty of the sixty

members of the Association were present and the claims that have been made by the organization and the concessions the members claim ought to be granted by the railway transportation companies were fully discussed. The motion to appoint a committee to interview the railway authorities once again was soundly defeated by an amendment which moved for the presentation of the whole case of the stock shippers before the commission at the earliest opportunity. This, as has been said, will occur about the middle of January.

The railways are charged directly with acting in a manner which practically does away with legitimate competition in the live stock shipping business in Western Canada, even to such a degree that it is impossible for a dealer or company with limited capital to carry on business. This it is claimed is done either by not furnishing adequate facilities at terminal stockyards and loading stations, by failing to supply cars when ordered which is absolutely essential in a shipping business of this sort, or by refusing to supply cars to all points which the dealers require and thus causing loss to the shipper. Evidence on these three points and on several minor ones will be offered to the commission by several of the members when the commission reaches Winnipeg.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter, promising an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. in the Civil Service salaries, was tantamount to a bribe of \$150, on an average, to each of the three or four thousand public servants in Ottawa, says the Halifax Herald. And yet there are people who profess to think that the legality of the Prime Minister's action should not be tested in the courts.

While an agent of the Ross Rifle Co. was in Edmonton, recently, giving a glowing account of the Ross Rifle, and what a superior weapon it was, the news columns of the same paper, the Journal, told its readers of a consignment of 100 Ross rifles sent to the Army Service Corps, Hamilton, Ont., of which thirty had defective sights, and were returned to the factory.

ALBERTA'S VIGOROUS
RAILWAY POLICY.

Young Province Will Encourage
Construction of Roads in Order
to Develop Country.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Premier Rutherford, of Alberta, was the guest of honor at a dinner here last night. He said his province intends to pursue a vigorous railway development policy. He will inaugurate a department of railways and if the federal government does not back new lines as fast as Alberta wishes, that province has decided that it will itself guarantee the bonds of necessary roads. In any case, lines must first be built, and then as the premier thinks, population and all other things will be added. In this connection, it may be noted, says the Financial Post, that at the approaching session of parliament of Canada application will be made by the Alberta Central Railway Company for permission to extend its lines to join the G. T. R. at Yellowhead Pass, and to extend to Saskatoon or Warman, Sask., and from Red Deer to Moose Jaw. They wish also to increase their issue of bonds from twenty to thirty-five thousand dollars per mile and to increase the capital from one to two millions.

Canadian Order of Forerresters.

At the monthly meeting of Court No. 917, held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 15, the following officers were elected for 1904:—
C.R.—W. C. Cowell.
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F.S.—A. G. Ayres.
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Chap.—K. M. Byers.
S.W.—Dan Smith.
J.W.—S. Millman.
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HUNTING FOR BARONET

DISAPPEARANCE OF SIR ARTHUR CURTIS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Again After a Lapse of Ten Years Friends of English Noblemen Who Vanished in 1893 on His Way to the Klondike Are Demanding That He Be Looked Into. Several Maintain That He Is Not Dead.

One of those dramas which furnish the romance to so many of the houses of the Old World aristocracy is said to lie at the back of the demand which has just been made upon the provincial authorities of British Columbia to resume, after the lapse of ten years, the investigation into the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Sir Arthur Curtis, third baronet of his line, who vanished in June, 1893, with an Indian guide while on his way from Ascheron, on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, to the Klondike. Six months later Sir Curtis applied to the courts in London to presume his husband dead, and, although no definite evidence was produced that he was really dead beyond the fact that he had wandered away from his companions and had disappeared from view without leaving any trace, the decree was granted, and not long afterward Lady Curtis, whose boy, Roger, had thus become fourth baronet, married Col. R. M. Brady, of Banff, Donegal, nephew and heir to the baronetcy of Sir Francis Curtis, and by whom she has several children.

The young baronet came of age a couple of years ago, and it is reasonable to believe that he is just as little satisfied as are other people of the fact that his father is dead. He is not living with his mother or stepfather, but is understood to be on this side of the Atlantic in connection with the investigation. The only other remaining member of this house of Curtis is his grandfather, Sir Arthur Curtis, now nearly 90 years of age, and who is at home in England.

The expedition with which Sir Arthur Curtis was traveling when he disappeared was commanded by Roger Poole, founder of the Legion of Frontiersmen, and in his book entitled "The Frontiersmen," published a couple of years ago by Gay & Hancock, in London, he devotes a chapter to this episode in his life. He speaks very highly of Sir Arthur Curtis, whom he refers to under the initials "C.T.," and relates how he, being out of sorts, spoke roughly and brutally to Curtis without any reason.

Taking all the blame upon himself, Poole declares in his book that he gave utterance to words that could never be withdrawn or forgiven, and that during the same trip he and his wife wandered away into the woods and was never seen again. He relates that for ten days he and his party sought Sir Arthur without finding any clue, and that then, their provisions having run out, they were obliged to abandon the hopeless quest. Poole describes in his book how he had considerable difficulty in disposing of the ugly rumors that he had murdered Curtis, and how he was finally did regard himself as morally responsible for his death, and brings the chapter to a close by referring to reports that Sir Arthur had subsequently been seen alive in England. He likewise writes that he knows nothing positive of the body of the missing baronet ever having been found.

Another member of the expedition—G. W. Cole—a veteran miner, like Poole, expressed the conviction that the press of Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada, that the baronet was not dead. He declared that he heard Sir Arthur say that he meant to slip away from the expedition, and claims that Curtis told him that when he got to the Klondike he would change his name. G. W. Cole added that it was nearly impossible to find a man having an Indian guide to be lost in the country beyond Mud River, where Sir Arthur vanished.

One is tempted to ask what motives can have prompted the relative of the missing baronet to assert that he is still alive. For if that could be established, his wife's marriage to Col. R. M. Brady would become, ipso facto, invalid, and the children born of it the illegitimate. The object, therefore, is scarcely one that can be considered as altogether friendly to Lady Curtis.

It is said that in the remote regions of Northwestern Canada are to be found today the clearest traces of the appearance, as mysteriously as that of Sir Arthur Curtis, of men bearing the name of the same prominent English line, who have in consequence of financial troubles, of some unfortunate romance or some other cause, been kind or another preferred to disappear, starting an altogether new existence in the New World, completely obliterating their past. Long is the list of men who have thus vanished, among the best known cases being those of Sir Roger Tichborne, of the elder brother of the present Earl of Aberdeen, Viscount of Ireland, and of the ex-Duke John of Austria.

Only in a few instances have people who have thus vanished reappeared upon the scene. James B. Roche, for instance, next brother and heir of Lord Fermoy, and father of Mrs. Scott Burden of New York, was lost, like Sir Arthur Curtis, in the Klondike, while on the way of the Canadian Pacific Railroad to the Klondike gold fields. His companions, after searching for him in several days, found a skeleton, which they rashly assuming to be his, bore with much difficulty to the nearest town, interred it in the local cemetery, and up a tombstone, on which a long list of virtues were attributed to him. Roche, who happened along in full force some weeks later, saw the tombstone, caused it to be photographed, and now carries about its picture as a pocketbook as a memento of his excellent character.

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See THE Furs in our Show Window.

One is a genuine White Thibet Stole and Muff to match, and retails at \$18.00. The other is an Imitation Ermine, and retails at \$10.00.

With every 25c. spent in our store we give 25 votes; with every 50c., 50 votes; with every \$1.00, 100 votes; with every \$5.00, 500 votes.

Each Coupon Ticket marked by the number of votes, according to the amount of purchase, and initiated by the clerk, is put into a ballot box placed in the centre of the store for this purpose and left till Christmas Eve, when it will be opened and the votes counted. The little girl having the largest number of votes may have her choice of the Furs—and the one having the second largest number of votes will receive the other.

EVERY LITTLE GIRL CAN TRY FOR THESE FURS

All have the same chance. Get your mother and friends to help you in this competition. Begin at once, and remember every purchase of 25 cents counts you 25 votes. Save these tickets and bring them to the store when you do your shopping. Be sure and see the Furs. You may have all the tickets you want at the store, but they must be initiated by the clerk from whom the purchase is made before going in the ballot box.

Some Specials for Our Christmas Trade.

Japanese China.
Just at hand a Big Shipment of Japanese China, which will be sold at ridiculously low prices. Saits and Peppers, Cups and Saucers, Bread and Butter Plates, Sugar Shakers, Bon Bon Dishes, Etc.

SPECIAL FOR THE LADIES.
\$200.00 worth of Fine Irish Linens, consisting of hand embroidered, drawn work, and real hand made Lace, to be sold at less than wholesale prices. We would like every lady in the vicinity to look these linens over as such values are not presented every day in Red Deer, and the best selling Linens will soon be picked up.

Christmas Candles.
We've built a nice little booth in the centre of our store, and it is loaded down with some special values in Candles and other sweets for the Christmas trade. There will be lines that will just suit your palate in the lot. Come in and see them.

Girls' Wool Vests, 25c.
We have too many of one particular line of Vests, fitting girls from 4 to 12 years old. They are made full size with draw string at neck, natural color and retail at 50c. to 60c. each. All sizes the same price, 25c.

Clearance of Shoes, \$1.00 Pr.
Men's, Women's, Misses' and Boys' Felt Shoes, and Misses' and Boys' Leather Shoes, laces running in value up to \$2.00 per pair. All at one price, while they last, \$1.00 pair.

Glass Tumblers, 3 for 10c.
25 doz. Glass Tumblers, four different patterns, great value in the West at 75c. doz. Our Special Price for 3 for 10c., or 40c. doz.

Moccasins, 50c. Pair.
We have about 25 pairs in this lot, in Children's, Boys', and Small Men's sizes. The regular prices were up to \$1.00. Your choice 50c. pair.

Ladies' Hats, Just Half Price.
Only 20 Hats now left out of our winter stock, and for quick clearance they will go at just half their original value. The styles are every one right up-to-date, and at the first price they were considered reasonable.

Ladies' Coats, \$10.00 each.
We have decided on a clearance of our Ladies' Winter Coats. They are all this year's makes, mostly plain cloths, and the values run up to 18.00 each. In the lot there are plain Greys, Browns, Reds, Blues and Blacks. Your choice \$10.00 each.

All Furs Reduced.
What's more suitable for a Christmas present than a nice Fur. We are going to give you a chance to buy a nice Collar or Muff at 1/2 off the regular price.

Children's Coats All Reduced.
Only Children's Coats, light Tweed, lined throughout, fitting girls from 5 to 12 years old. Regular values up to \$5.00. Your Choice, \$2.00 each. All other Children's Coats, 1/2 off the marked price.

Is your appetite good? This announcement, this Xmas display—with the low price tonic we administer—will give you an appetite, a growing, a longing appetite for the prettiest, daintiest, handsomest and cheapest display of Christmas Goods ever shown in Red Deer.

Our Big Sale Starts Saturday, December 5th.

C. E. HALL,
Red Deer's Cash Store, Smith & Gaetz Block

SALE OF REGISTERED AYRSHIRE CATTLE.

A. H. Trimble, having just returned from the East with a carload of carefully selected AYRSHIRE Cattle, offers these for sale by Public Auction with a few Alberta pure breeds and some good grade Ayrshire Cows and Heifers,

On Tuesday, Dec. 29,

At his residence south of the Trimble Creamery,
Lunch will be served at Noon. Sale to begin at 1:30 p.m.

A reasonable credit will be extended to parties desiring it, provided the usual security is given.

Rigs will meet the noon trains at Red Deer Station, on the day of sale, to convey intending purchasers to the sale. Certificates of registration, etc., will be given the purchasers.

If this importation and sale turns out satisfactorily, Mr. Trimble purposes making still other importations.

BULLS—Eastern Bred.

1. SPRINGBROOK HERO 2nd, 25071.—White, with a few dark spots on each side of the head, neck and body. Calved August 2nd, 1908. Bred by W. F. Stevenson, Huntingdon, Quebec. 2nd owner, A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Lanesbrook Crown Prince, 10508. Dam, Minnie May 2nd, 22001. N.B.—His calves can be seen on the day of the sale.

2. DAIRY KING OF KESLO, 20837.—White, with red marks. Calved Sept. 2nd, 1907. Bred by D. A. McFarlane, Keslo, Quebec. Sire, Wexford Chief of St. Anne, 21988. Dam, Mattie D of Keslo, 17219. N.B.—A Prize winner in their local fairs, 1908.

3. ISALIGH MAJOR, 27118.—White with brown spots, spot on pole. Calved March 2nd, 1908. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte Bello, 20357. Dam, Buttercup of Bedford, 19388. N.B.—This is one of the best dairy bred animals offering, his dam being one of the best cows in the dairy. The dam of his sire is among the first as a milker in Quebec.

4. LORNA'S CHOICE OF WILLOWBANK, 27288.—White, with a few red spots about head and neck. Calved March 15th, 1908. Bred by Hyde Bros., Huntingdon, Quebec. 2nd owner, A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Infelice's Choice of Springbrook, 20301. Dam, Lorna of Springbrook 17900.

5. SPRINGBROOK JOEY 27283.—White, with red on each side of head and neck. Calved March 3rd, 1908. Bred by W. F. Stevenson, Huntingdon, Quebec. 2nd owner, A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Lanesbrook Crown Prince, 10508. Dam, Pegotty, 11130.

6. SPRINGBROOK DELTA'S MAJOR 27288.—White, with a few red spots about head and neck. Calved May 20th, 1908. Bred by W. F. Stevenson, Huntingdon, Quebec. 2nd owner, A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Springbrook Matchless, 23370. Dam, Springbrook Marguerite, 20103.

HEIFERS.

7. ISALIGH SANDILANDS 27101.—White mixed with dark brown. Calved March 30th, 1907. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Isaligh Sandilands is one of the best bred milk stock on the continent. Her dam has a record of eight thousand, five hundred and eighty pounds, and is one of the first cows that qualified in the tests. Her heifer has a splendid size for her age and should make one that will be hard to beat.

8. ISALIGH MUSKRAT 2nd, 27100.—White, brown on neck and cheeks. Calved April 28th, 1907. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte-Bello, 20357. Dam, Isaligh Muskrat, 20315. Isaligh Muskrat 2nd, with proper handling, has a bright future ahead of her. She is a large, straight heifer and has a grand young cow for a dam. Isaligh Muskrat has never been beaten when in milk.

9. ISALIGH BERTHA, 27110.—Brown and white mixed. Calved May 14th, 1907. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte-Bello, 20357. Dam, Bertha of Danville, 8783. There are none of the heifers in the sale that should bring a higher price than Isaligh Bertha. She is of good size with a splendid show for her age. Her dam is a half sister of Alameda of Danville, the first cow to qualify in the record, with eleven thousand, three hundred and thirty-seven pounds of milk.

10. ISALIGH CARRIE, 3rd, 27111.—White, with brown. Calved May 10th, 1907. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte-Bello, 20357. Dam, Carrie of Trout River, 5821. Isaligh Carrie 3rd is a remarkable heifer for her age. She has size and appearance that is hard to equal. She will be one of the leading heifers in the show ring next fall if in the right hands. The record of her dam was given earlier.

11. ISALIGH BELLA, 3rd, 27115.—White and brown. Calved September 12th, 1907. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte-Bello, 20357. Dam, Isaligh Bella, 23400. Isaligh Bella 3rd is a small heifer, but with excellent dairy type. Her dam was a grand young cow for dairy purposes, giving a large quantity of very high testing milk.

12. SPRINGBROOK BLOSSOM, 20100.—White, with brown spots on each side of head and neck and a few on body. Calved June 11th, 1907. Bred by W. F. Stevenson, Huntingdon, Quebec. Sire, Lanesbrook Crown Prince, 10508. Dam, Delta Maid, 11118.

13. SPRINGBROOK GRACE, 20110.—White, with a few brown spots on each side of head and neck. Calved Sept. 10th, 1907. Bred by W. F. Stevenson, Huntingdon, Quebec. Sire, Lanesbrook Crown Prince, 10508. Dam, Irene 2nd, 11122.

14. MYRTLE OF LONE SPRUCE, 20378.—White and red. Calved January 1st. Bred by A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Red Deer Prince, 12907. Dam, Lucy of Lone Spruce, 23003.

15. RUTH OF LONE SPRUCE, 20377.—White and red. Calved April 28th, 1907. Bred by A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Red Deer Prince, 12907. Dam, Lady of Lone Spruce, 23001.

16. JEAN OF LONE SPRUCE, 20376.—White and red. Calved April 25th, 1907. Bred by A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Red Deer Prince, 12907. Dam, Alice of Lone Spruce, 23000.

Nos. 14, 15 and 16 are to come in this spring.

17. ISALIGH BEAUTIFUL 2nd, 27117.—White, with brown on neck and cheeks. Calved February 27th, 1908. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte Bello, 20357. Dam, Isaligh Beautiful, 25888. Isaligh Beautiful 2nd is the makings of one of the best cows in the sale. She is a very strong heifer with lots of quality, together with splendid tests for one so young. Her dam, although only a heifer, is one of the best cows in the dairy.

18. ISALIGH COMPTENA 3rd, 27120.—White, brown on back and cheeks. Calved March 30th, 1908. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte Bello, 20357. Dam, Isaligh Comptena 2nd, 25888. Isaligh Comptena 3rd is a splendid young heifer, and will be a small fortune to the party who gets her. She will be, with proper care, a leading winner at the fairs, and has breeding that, for milk, is hard to beat.

19. ISALIGH CLARIBELLA 4th, 27114.—White and brown mixed. Calved June 23rd, 1908. Bred by J. N. Greenhalghs, Danville, Quebec. Sire, Glen of Monte Bello, 20357. Dam, Isaligh Claribella 18278. Isaligh Claribella 4th is a very promising young heifer. She has a grand cow for a dam in Isaligh Claribella. She won a silver cup this fall at Richmond for the cow giving the greatest amount of the richest milk. She is, in one milking, had a pound of butter fat over any other cow competing.

20. SPRINGBROOK CAROLINE, 27287.—White, with brown about each side of head and neck. Calved Jan. 3rd, 1908. Bred by W. F. Stevenson, Huntingdon, Quebec. 2nd owner, A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Lanesbrook Crown Prince, 10508. Dam, Lady Alina, 22910.

ALBERTA BRED.

21. ANNIE OF LONE SPRUCE, 20375.—Red, with some white. Calved Feb. 6th, 1908. Bred by A. H. Trimble, Red Deer, Alberta. Sire, Red Deer Prince, 12907. Dam, Minnie of Twin Spruce, 12917. Her mother took second place in the Dairy Test in Red Deer Fair, 1908.

There are also two pure bred Ayrshire heifer calves on sale, besides the above.

There will also be a number of pure bred Ayrshire Cows offered for sale besides the above.
A. H. TRIMBLE, S. W. PAISLEY,
Owner. Auctioneer.

Evarts. THE CENTRAL ALBERTA RAILWAY CO.

In accordance with a notice published in a former issue, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the school room, on Saturday last, the 19th inst., for the purpose of considering the desirability of opposing the intended application of the Co.'s for extension of their time limit, 60.

Mr. Miller, of Burnt Lake, was voted to the chair, and briefly explained the object of the meeting. Mr. Bleay, who was the first speaker, said he had been invited by the Red Deer Board of Trade to attend one of their meetings. He attended the previous day, and wished to say right here that his reception by the Board was most fair and satisfactory, every opportunity being afforded him to state the views of the opponents of the application in the fullest manner, and on that account he appealed to the meeting to give the delegates from the Board a quiet and uninterrupted hearing. This appeal was duly honored, the delegates were granted all the time they needed, and it cannot be any more said by our neighbors in Red Deer that the people in Evarts do not give their representatives a hearing. The meeting was perfectly orderly throughout, a fact which was heartily acknowledged by the delegates themselves. The moral is that if Red Deer send us people who deserve a hearing they will certainly get it. Mr. Bleay emphasized the feeling of the landowners that the A.C.R. Co. did not intend to build the railway, their object being to sell the charter and reimburse themselves, and clearly pointed out that the further delay contemplated would be all at the expense of the landowners and to the great inconvenience of the settlers.

Mr. Gallraith next took the platform and sought to show that the Company had not been all that they were made out to be, and that they were endeavoring to prove that a little further patience might result in the desire of the settlers being speedily met. His speech was concluded amid general applause.

Mr. Oscar Norby was then called upon, and took up the full amount of time allowed him in tracing the history of the company—showing how prices both of sale and purchase were adversely affected by the want of a road—and urged that the efforts of the Company to obtain an extension should be opposed to the utmost power of the riding.

Mr. G. W. Greene, (who was allowed 20 minutes, but took 30,) in a most interesting, lucid and exhaustive speech presented the case from the company's point of view, and persuaded the meeting so effectively, that on the motion of Mr. Millward, seconded by W. Robinson, the meeting moved to their original proposal, and instead of petitioning against an extension, ultimately resolved to ask the government to grant an extension not exceeding twelve months, on condition that the railway company build the road from Red Deer to the Medicine river within the year. Mr. Greene informed the meeting that he had been negotiating with a responsible corporation were actively in progress, but of course he could not give full particulars at the present stage. Numerous questions were asked of Mr. Greene, all of which he answered in the fullest and most satisfactory manner, and it was generally felt that if matters of public interest were more often treated in the way Mr. Greene handled this one there would be less kicking and bawling on the part of the boys. Mr. Husey recalled the various promises which had been made to the boys, (no names mentioned), and said if we wanted to help ourselves we must now make a firm stand. Mr. Jack Robinson said that every settler who came in, came in the belief and the assurance that a road would be speedily constructed, and that the whole country west of the Red River were suffering in consequence of their disappointment. Mr. Steve Wilson spoke at some length, and strongly advocated a firm stand being taken against a two year's extension. After heavy voting, the meeting was adjourned to the next meeting was one of the largest ever held in Evarts, the school room being quite inadequate to accommodate the audience.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Bleay, Robinson and Millward was appointed to take charge of the petition and confer with the A. C. R. on the matter, and with full power to act.
R. W. B.

We are sole agents in Red Deer for the Regina watch. Absolutely guaranteed at H. H. Humber's.

Accounts, books, correspondence looked after by expert stenographer at library part of each day. Address Box 425.

RAILWAY WILL BE THE MAIN TOPIC. For Consideration By the Legislature Of Alberta.

Calgary Dec. 14.—Hon. W. H. Cushing, who leaves to day for Edmonton, stated to the Alberta on Saturday that the date for the opening of the session had not as yet been decided upon and would not be until Premier Rutherford returned from Ottawa. It will however likely be on the same date in January.

When asked as to what would most likely be the principal business of the session Mr. Cushing said that while of course there would be the usual number of minor legislation such as the amending of existing ordinances and the passing of some new ones, the big question would be the government's railway policy.

This he considered should command itself to the people of southern Alberta, and especially to the people of Calgary.

The country, he said, is in great need of railways and the Dominion government are slow in the matter, it is the policy of the provincial government to hasten matters.

A redistribution bill has also been talked of but Mr. Cushing was not in a position to outline what form the proposed legislation would take or make any further statements on the subject.

MARRIED.

At the Presbyterian Manse, Red Deer, on Dec. 10th by the Rev. W. G. Brown, Miss Barbara Janet MacLean of Leslieville, formerly of Kingsbury, Quebec, to Mr. George W. Thompson also of Leslieville and formerly of Wisconsin, U. S. A.

South African Land Warrants.

I have a few South African Land Warrants for sale, good for 320 acres. Purchaser please state price he will pay either by letter or telegram.
N. BLACKIE,
Canadian Life Building, Toronto.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

A meeting of the Council of Local Improvement District 10-T-4 will be held in the Post Office block, Red Deer, on Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at 10 o'clock. As this is the last meeting of the year any parties having business with the Council are requested to attend.

W. P. CODE,
Sec.-Treas.

Strayed.

From the premises of the undersigned, two yearlings, including 3 roan steers, 2 red and white spotted steers, 1 red steer, 1 white steer, 1 roan heifer, 1 white heifer, 1 red heifer with white face, Branded G on each front leg, and horns of a suitable variety will be paid for any information leading to same.

A. GEHRKE, Red Deer.

Horses Strayed.

From the premises of the undersigned, two bay mares and a bay gelding, all four-year-olds, branded on 8 on right hip, weight about 1200 lbs. Last seen in Pemboldt a few months ago. Suitable reward will be given leading to recovery.

A. H. McPHERSON,
Sylvan Lake P. O., Alta., Dec. 15th, '08.

Furnished House to Rent.
A comfortable furnished house to rent for the winter season, beginning Jan. 1st. Apply to the News Office.

Gold Locket Lost.

Between Smith & Gaetz Block and Presbyterian Church, Gold Locket, present and Star in diamond setting. Finder please leave at News Office.

FOR

Fine Ontario Cider
20c. per quart;

Choice Malaya
Grapes
25c. per lb.;

Mincemeat Apples
20 lbs for \$1.00;

Pure Honey
in the comb, 30c;

New Navel
Oranges.

Cabbage
at 1 1/2c. per lb;

Carrots, Potatoes, Turnips, &c., and
Candies
of all kinds;

YOU CAN'T BEAT
HUSKINS,

The Progressive Fruit Store,
ROSS AVE.

Gaetz Valley.

A Christmas tree was held in the Church school house on Monday eve, Dec. 21st, for the benefit of the Sunday School. A very enjoyable evening was spent by those present, and a snug sum was realized for the Sunday School.

Gaetz Valley school closed for the Xmas holidays last Friday.

Quite a number are "going home," as they say, for the Christmas holidays and winter months. Miss Pauline Knight and Mr. Knight left for Missouri on Friday last, while Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Rodney Smith left for points in Ontario.

Business is improving at the coal mines, quite an amount being hauled overland to Red Deer, besides the amount taken by farmers and ranchers.

Blackleg has made its appearance at the ranch of Mr. P. Neeshaw.

A COMBINE OF THE PACKING PLANTS.

A Conference at Chicago Affecting Western Canada.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Whether there will be a new scheme of consolidating the packing plants of Western Canada, as reported from Winnipeg could not be confirmed here today although it was ascertained that a secret meeting of men said to be interested in such an enterprise was being held today. Those participating in the conference were said to be F. M. Macleod, a capitalist of Winnipeg, W. Anderson and J. Herbert Anderson of Spokane, E. C. McDonald of Washington, A. C. McConnell of Montana, and Albert Galana of Helena, Mont.

It was said that only one of the conferees is decidedly interested in the cattle industry. J. H.

Anderson, said to be a promoter, said: "It will be impossible to say anything of the proceedings as yet and it is probable that nothing whatever will be made public. I can't say you know what is the nature of the conference."

Woodmen of the World.

At the Annual meeting of the Woodmen of the World held on Wednesday Dec. 9th, the following officers were elected:

P. C. C.—H. W. Clarke.
C. C.—Nov. G. Rothnie.
A. L.—Sov. E. G. Stone.
B.—T. Gudmunson.

Physician—C. C. Grant M. D.
Managers—W. Reid, W. M. Jarvis, J. McKeonnie.
Escort—W. G. Davis.
Watchman—W. H. Russell.
Sentry—W. A. Leslie.
Secretary—W. Patchett.

THE GOVERNMENT CREAMERIES.

Fair Dealing With Their Patrons.

Below is a facsimile copy of the statement every patron of a government controlled creamery gets at the end of each season:

C. MARKER, DAIRY COMMISSIONER, CALGARY. PROVINCE OF ALBERTA. FORM D. S. 2,000-9-08. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DAIRY COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH. Provincial Government Creamery. AT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE SUMMER SEASON, 1908. Patron's No. Name Address.

DR.

To.....lbs. butter taken out at.....cts. per lb.
To cost of Cream Hauling at.....cts. per lb. of Butter
To amount advanced by monthly cheques.....cts. per lb. of Butter
To manufacturing charge at.....cts. per lb. of Butter
To Assessment for Loan Fund at.....cts. per lb. of Butter
To Assessment for Local Working Fund at.....cts. per lb. of Butter
Cheque to balance, herewith.....

CR.

PERIOD	POUNDS			RATE per pound of butter
	CREAM	BUTTER FAT	BUTTER	
1st				
2nd				
3rd				

TOTAL BUSINESS OF CREAMERY FOR SEASON:

Patrons.....; Butter Output—pounds.....; Value of Butter, \$.....

CASH YOUR CHEQUES PROMPTLY

Please notify the Dairy Commissioner of any change in your Post Office address.

We think that if we had a co-operative packing plant run and controlled by the Government, every patron who supplied hog, would get a similar statement to the above; and he would know how much per lb. the cured pork made, how much the cost of manufacture and other expenses, as freight, etc., were; and what balance he got out of it for his own pocket; whereas now, the farmers know nothing but the small price the packing houses offer through their buyers; what swallows up the big margin between the live hog and the cured pork is, of course, no business of the farmers, so long as somebody, (the packing houses, &c.) get rich out of it. What say the farmers?

AUCTION SALE.

To be held on the N.E. 1/4, Sec. 2-38-20, Nine miles east of Red Deer, and half a mile north of Cold Trail.
ON MON., DEC. 28.

Matched team grey geldings, 8 yrs. old. Team of mares, well broken, 5 & 4 yrs. Saddle horses, 5 years old. Six dairy cows, in calf. Six steers, rising 3 years. Six steers, rising 2 years. Four heifer calves. Ten range stock. 2 registered Berk sows, with papers. 3 young hogs. Two sets of heavy harness. Two stock saddles. About 50 loads of hay. About 50 loads of straw. Lumber wagon. Desiring binder. McCreich mower and rake. Set iron harrows. 2 stable plows. Grinding stone. "Grand Jewel" cook stove, No. 9. Large coal heater. Small coal heater. Kitchen table; Bedroom suite; Bureau. Four stoves. Four lamps. Bedsteads. Two lounges; Chairs. Three large pictures. Three sets curtain poles with rings. "Burdick" sewing machine. Cream separator. Creamery cans. Washing machine and wringer. Two churns. Broodmare; and numerous to mention. Everything will be sold WITHOUT RESERVE.

TERMS: All sums up to \$15. Cash. Over that amount 7 months credit will be given to persons furnishing approved, joint bankable notes. A discount of 5 per cent. given for cash on FREE LUNCH at 11.30 commence at 12 sharp.

S. Hodgkinson, Auctioneer.

WE WISH YOU

Our Customers
and Our Friends

A MERRY XMAS

and if you know any
DESERVING POOR

for whom we can help to make
the day

A BRIGHTER XMAS

we will be pleased to hear of
them.

THE W. E. LORD CO'Y

'PHONE 165.

Some Suggestions For Christmas Presents.

What are you going to get for that friend of yours? Our stock comprises:

WATCHES
LOCKETS
RINGS
BRACELETS

SILVERWARE
CUT GLASS
CLOCKS
FANCY GOODS

H. J. SNELL,

Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician, Ross Avenue.
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

Mrs. J. Carlyle Moore is spending the winter with friends in the east.

A. F. Turnbull, of Calgary, is the guest of his brother-in-law C. E. Hall.

Tom Marks had a full house on Monday night and last night. He shows again to night.

Mrs. Henry Jamieson left for Ontario Friday last to spend a few months with old friends.

Miss Dow is recovering slowly from her injuries. Her brother who lives in Ottawa is now in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Payne left for Ontario last Friday to spend the holidays with friends in the east.

The Stult Opera Co. are booked at the Lyric for Dec. 28 and 29 and the Stoddard Co. for the 30th, 31st and 1st of January.

There is a case of smallpox in Lacombe and the children of the school have been vaccinated, a day being set apart for the purpose.

Don't waste time wishing you had as much money to spend on Christmas festivities as one of the other. Make the best of what you have got.

Mrs. James Speakman, of Wavy Lake, is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Smith this week. Mr. Speakman was also in town for a few days.

Mrs. Braton is running the Cornett boarding house for some time in the absence of Mrs. Cornett, who left for Ontario on Saturday last.

G. S. Ware had his barber shop renovated and enlarged about two weeks ago. Mr. Ware has now one of the roomiest and best equipped shops along the line.

Herbert H. Stent eldest son of Henry Stent, left the Edmonton College Monday and has secured a good position in the office of Y. Griffin and Co's packing plant.

A. W. Fead and W. Reid have bought out the blacksmith shop recently occupied by Mr. Playne near the Windsor Hotel and they will run a general blacksmithing business at that place.

Don't forget that if Christmas is a holiday to you, it isn't for everyone. It means double tasks for the servants. Remember this and give the maids as little extra trouble as possible.

The farmers of Lacombe and vicinity will organize an association in that town to day. Mr. Fletcher, Jamieson and others will be present. A good branch was organized at Blackfalds a few weeks ago.

Willowdale Methodist Sunday School entertainment and Xmas tree, will be held in Willowdale School House Wednesday Dec. 30. Refreshments served, collection to defray expenses of presents and lesson helps.

Don't forget that Christmas should be a time for universal enjoyment, so far as such a state of things can ever obtain on this planet. To make this possible everyone must contribute his share to the general round of pleasure. Don't be a receiver without being a giver.

The Lacombe Globe says: W. F. Puffer, during the past ten days, has shipped from Lacombe stock yards eleven carloads of fat hogs for the eastern market. The hogs were all purchased in the immediate vicinity of Lacombe, and the money paid for them was in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The School hockey team went up to Lacombe on Saturday last and were defeated by the Lacombe boys 6-0. The boys say they had to play against very big fellows and were handled pretty rough. The following were the team: Alex Martin, R. Smith, P. Smith, Dick Reinhold, A. Fulmer, C. George and C. Markle. The Lacombe boys will play a return match in a few days. The Stettler senior team defeated Lacombe the night before by 6-3.

Red Deer Band are holding a ball on Dec. 31st.

Mrs. Jos. Smith has been spending a few days in Stettler.

Harry Phillips was in town this week looking up old friends.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at Clearview tonight. Solid gold \$4.75 at H. H. Humber's.

Don't forget the Olds-Red Deer hockey match on Christmas Day.

The Methodist Sunday School hold their Christmas tree to-night.

The shortest day has come and gone and the days now grow longer.

Best Bros. have some attractive presents for children. Drop in and see them.

The post office will be open Christmas and New Year day for half an hour only after the arrival of mails.

The English Cafe will be open Christmas morning and for dinner and supper but not during the afternoon or evening.

"The Centralizing Cross of the Centuries" will be pastor Goodfield's sermon subject at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening.

R. H. Brown has decided that he will remain in town after all. The large stock he had ordered for his intended store in Calgary will now be on display here.

The Methodist Church on Sunday last was nicely draped with evergreen decorations. At the evening service Mr. Hamilton rendered an appropriate solo.

School closes to-morrow night for a couple of weeks. The High School room closed on Friday last owing to Principal McLean superintending examinations in the lower class rooms.

St. Luke's Church Sunday School will have their Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, in Brumpton's old store, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Rutter.

Every farmer desiring good dairy stock should attend A. H. Trimble's sale of Ayshire cattle on Tuesday Dec. 30th at his residence south of the Trimble creamery. See list of cattle for sale in another column.

A. B. Nash is selling the stock and goods of Jas. Holligan, about 4 miles north of Red Deer, on Jan. 6th. It will be remembered that Mr. Holligan just came to Alberta a few months ago and not liking it here he is going back to B. C.

C. E. Wilson, better known as Bill Miner, of the Imperial Bank staff, left for Ingersoll Ont. to pay his father a visit Friday. As one of the prominent young men of the town Bill will be sadly missed, as it is understood he has been promoted to a B. C. branch of the bank.

Hockey: Olds vs Red Deer, the first A.A.A. game of the season will be played at the rink on Dec. 25th, Christmas afternoon. Both teams are anxious to win the first game, so as to get a good start, and a good game is assured. Turn out and encourage the boys. Admission 25c. Game called at 3 sharp.

The nominations for councillors in Local Improvement District 19-T-4 will be held on Monday, Jan. 4th, at 10 o'clock, in the following places: Division 1, Willowdale School house; Division 2, E. McConnell's residence; Division 3, Clearview school house; Division 4, School house west of Penhold; Division 5, L. F. Page's residence.

The funeral service yesterday afternoon over the remains of the late Mrs. Stewart, of Penhold, took place in the Presbyterian church, and was attended by a large number of friends and sorrowing relatives, both from Penhold and Red Deer. Revs. Simpson, of Penhold, and Brown, of Red Deer, conducted the solemn service. Mrs. Stewart was a true friend to all who knew her, and those who knew her longest loved her most. Several beautiful wreaths were given by children and friends.

Board of Trade Meeting.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was called for Friday evening last to discuss the Alberta Central Railway proposition. Addresses were made by Messrs. Galbraith, H. H. Gaetz, Geo W. Greene, Geo W. Smith, Dr. Collison, R. L. Gaetz, E. Michener, W. Botterill, P. Pidgeon and Dick Blease, of Evans, on the outlook. It was mainly the agitation against extension of charter by the people of the west. Messrs. Greene, Michener and Gaetz thought it would be disastrous to cancel charter now and they all felt there was a splendid prospect of Red Deer getting a railway in the near future. Dr. Collison did not favor the Board making any action on the matter. Brumpton and Mr. Botterill were not very enthusiastic. Eventually on invitation of Dick Blease, two members of the Board, Messrs. Galbraith and W. Greene, were appointed to attend meeting at Evans and explain the situation to the people of the west which they did Saturday evening last.

Horn Hill Christmas Tree.

Last evening the people of Horn Hill held their annual Christmas tree entertainment, and the building was, as usual, crowded to the door, with an interested assembly of people of the district. E. A. Gaetz occupied the chair and delivered a most impressive address on the greatness of the Horn Hill district, stating the past year had been the most peaceful in the history of the district. During the evening George Quinton, cream hauler for Red Deer creamery, was presented with a handsome fur coat and cap and a pair of felt boots by his many admirers, the chairman stating that it was the easiest thing he had ever tackled in his life to get subscriptions to the fund, as everybody desired to chip in. Mr. Quinton's modesty is proverbial, and the News man feels hurt that he was not allowed a hand in contributing, as he is indebted to Mr. Quinton for many little kindnesses, that some people can never forget. A more popular presentation was never made in Horn Hill. It is needless to say George made a suitable reply, stating he had only done his duty. That is all the British tars did in the good old days under the immortal Nelson, yet they left a name for themselves that will stand as long as history stands. Miss Bruce, the reding teacher, was also presented with a handsome clock by the pupils of the school.

The 'Santa Claus' Reception.

This novel entertainment at the Lyric Theatre last Friday evening was a grand achievement. The manner in which it was carried through redounds to the credit of Mrs. Sage the originator and all the members of the Ladies Guild. The scenic effect was splendid. Four magnificent Christmas trees occupied the centre of the hall, each one adorned in a manner worthy of the traditional Christmas trees of bygone days. A crowd of people bubbling over with good humor soon filled the hall. Then the arrival of Father Christmas lending by the hand "New Year" was proclaimed by an outburst of joyous music. Great excitement prevailed amongst the young folks when the tree was illuminated and the distribution of presents began. Each ticket holder received a gift not to be grumbled at, for one lady was overheard to say that she could not have bought the gift she received for less than 75c. Meanwhile some side-shows were in full swing. The dancing warbling dwarfs fully maintained their untarnished reputation as the best of their type ever seen in town. The Hog sketching competition also caused much amusement, the animals sketched were somewhat akin to the hippopotamus or the elephant in most cases. However Mr. Pearson proved an impartial judge of the competition. The Citizen's Band kindly gave their services, which were most appreciated especially by those who remained on after the crowd had dispersed for a few dances. Altogether it was a great display and we hope St. Luke's church will reap a good financial benefit.

The ladies who decorated and managed the trees were, Mrs. Sage, Cassels, Welliver, Ayres, Rev. Graves, of Pine Lake, was Father Christmas and Master Miller was New Year. Mrs. Lewis, assisted by Mrs. B. P. Alford, R. Alford, Clutterbuck, Brooks, Miller and Weston, coffee after refreshments. Lucky tub Mrs. Drake, Candy stall, Misses McKenzie and Peterson. Dwarfs, Messrs Maynard and Graham, Mrs. Ansett and Miss Rowell. Ticket collector, Mr. Lewis. Master of ceremonies Mr. Ayres. Fortune telling Mrs. Page. Several gentlemen also kindly gave their assistance in preparing the hall and helping the ladies through.

Absurd Rumor of C. & E. Railway.

The Daily papers, Saturday, published a rumor that the C. & E. was about to lease the C. & E. railway line at the expiration of the C. P. R.'s lease next year. As the C. P. R. Co. has a lease for ninety-nine years the report is absurd on the face of it. It is not likely the C. P. R. would spend \$50,000 on improvements in a new bridge, chutes, etc., at Red Deer, if they intended giving up their lease.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 A. F. O. F. at a recent meeting: J. P. G. Walter Trump N. G. Alex Cruickshank V. G. Reg Alford R. S. H. Walton Jr. Phy. Dr. Collison Treas.-Chas Murphy.

Red Deer Lodge No. 12 A. F. and A. M. Elect Officers.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 A. F. and A. M. last evening in the lodge room Ross avenue; Worshipful Master A. T. Stephenson in the chair: W. M. Bro. W. E. Payne. S. W. Bro. F. H. Tallman. J. W. Bro. R. W. Faulks. Treas. Bro. J. A. Carswell. Sec'y, Bro. J. A. Lewis. Tyler, Bro. R. Bruyneraede. The installation of officers will not take place until the return of Bro. W. E. Payne from the east where he is spending a few weeks.

If you want a good fountain pen, any make, for Christmas, call on Humber he has the goods.

The Markets.

The following are Red Deer markets to-day:

No. 1 Northern	75c.
No. 2 Northern	75c.
No. 3 Northern	70c.
No. 4 Spring	68c.
No. 5 Spring	65c.
No. 6 Spring	55c.
No. 1 Alberta Red	75c.
No. 2 Alberta Red	75c.
No. 3 Alberta Red	68c.
No. 4 Alberta Red	68c.
No. 5 Fall Wheat	57c.
No. 6 Fall Wheat	51c.
Oats	24 to 26c.
Barley	30c.
Butter	20 to 25c.
Eggs, fresh	63-4 to 7c.
Dressed Pork	50c.
Mutton	10c.
Veal	75c.
Turkeys	17c.
Chickens	12 1-2c.
Ducks	12 1-2c.
Geese	15c.

Girl Wanted.

To assist in the dining room of English Cafe.
MRS. SAGE.
Red Deer, Dec. 22 '08.

YOUR FIRST STEP Toward A Merry Christmas

is to have a pair of good Shoes yourself, and see that the rest of your family are well shod.

There is nothing more acceptable or practical for a gift than a pair of Shoes.

Our lines of Dress Shoes in Ladies' and Gents' are the finest in town, and the prices are right.

In Children's Shoes and Warm Slippers, we have a splendid range at prices to suit all purses.

Don't forget that we have a nice line of Club Bags and Suit Cases.

W. T. COOTE,
"The Shoe Store of Quality."

DIED.
At Banff sanatorium, on Sunday, Dec. 20th, Mrs. Irene E. Stewart, of Penhold, widow of the late John Stewart, aged 61 years.

BROWN'S

Due to the decision to remain in Red Deer, R. H. large new stock of Holiday Goods, purchased for Calgary Christmas trade, has been freshened here, and must be sold within the next week. We can not carry such goods over, so have decided to sell them at prices not offered before.

IN TOWN

Something appropriate for smokers in genuine Amber and Briar can Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, Ash Trays, etc. A full line of French and American Perfumes in Cut Glass bottles and Leather Cases, ranging in price from 75c.

TO

\$8.00 a bottle. Toilet Waters, Toilet Powders, Sachets and Fancy Soaps, all prices. Fresh assortment of Gano's Fancy Chocolates, in boxes suitable for Christmas gifts. We cannot enumerate all the good things we have in stock, but invite you to call, if only to

STAY

long enough to look through our stock. Remember these Christmas lines are going at greatly reduced prices, and it is certainly your opportunity to buy for Cash, cheap.

BROWN'S PHARMACY

"The Pharmacy of Quality."

PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY FOR

YOUR XMAS TURKEY.

NICE PLUMP BIRDS, 22c a POUND.

at
H. H. DRAKE'S,
FAMILY BUTCHER.
CAETZ AVE. RED DEER.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

Capital Authorized	\$10,000,000.00
Capital paid up	\$5,000,000.00
Rest	\$5,000,000.00

HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO.
Branches in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.
Travellers' Letters of Credit issued available in all parts of the world.
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT AT ALL BRANCHES
Interest allowed on deposits at current rates from date of deposit and credited quarterly.
Red Deer Branch:
W. P. HELLIWELL, MANAGER.

FOR

Fine Ontario Cider
20c. per quart;
Choice Malaya Grapes
25c. per lb.;
Mincemeat Apples
20 lbs for \$1.00;
Pure Honey
in the comb, 30c;
New Navel Oranges.

Cabbage at 1 1/2c. per lb;
Carrots, Potatoes, Turnips, &c., and
Candies
of all kinds;

YOU CAN'T BEAT
HUSKINS,
The Progressive Fruit Store,
ROSS AVE.

For those who have yet to make their

CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

We would suggest a Look into Our Windows
They are fitted with many useful articles suitable for gift making, and the prices are low.
HAVE A LOOK, SURE.

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS WE EXTEND

Our Best Wishes

FOR A

MERRY XMAS.

Ilsey Bros.,
The Hardware Men.

Christmas Delicacies

DON'T SPOIL YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

BY HAVING FRUITS, NUTS, CONFECTIONERY, ETC., THAT ARE NOT FRESH AND CHOICE.

LARGE SIZE ORANGES, CHRISTMAS WEEK, REG. 50C. FOR 40C.	
JAPANESE ORANGES	PER BOX 75C.
CHOICE MALAYA GRAPES	OUR PRICE PER LB. 25C.
ONTARIO APPLES	5 LBS. FOR 25C.
CHOICE CAPE COD CRANBERRIES	PER LB. 25C.
CHOICE LAYER RAISINS	PER LB. 25C., 35C. AND 40C.
CHOICE NEW FIGS	PER BOX ONLY 15C.
WALNUTS, ALMONDS, PEANUTS, ETC.	PER LB. 25C.
CHOCOLATES IN FANCY BOXES	35C. AND 50C.
CHRISTIE'S PLUM PUDDINGS	
HUNTLEY AND PALMER'S CHRISTMAS CAKES	
HUNTLEY AND PALMER'S ACORNS, PHILIPPINES	PER LB. 75C.
REAL STILTON CHEESE	PER LB. 35C.

Toys of All Descriptions.

JAPANESE CHINAWARE IN GREAT VARIETY.

HILL, MURPHY & CO.,

GENERAL MERCHANTS - RED DEER.

Agents for Carhart's Overalls, Campbell's Clothing and Barrington Hats.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

Merry Christmas to all.

Best Bros. do picture framing. Last week was a snorter for cold but no snow yet.

Beautiful gold hand carved bracelets Xmas special only \$3.50 at H. H. Humbers.

The Imperial Limited will be discontinued by the C. P. R. on the main line Jan. 1st. until spring.

The next regular meeting of the A. P. A. will be held on Friday the 5th of January.

Bruno Krause is now pretty fully recovered from his serious attack of typhoid fever.

The Citizens' Band is making preparations for a splendid dance on New Years Eve and invitations are out for the purpose.

Greene & Payne, agents for the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co. left a very handsome table calendar on our desk Thursday.

C. G. Wheeler, of Marwayne, Alberta was in town on Wednesday last looking up old friends. He says there is good sleighing along the line of the Canadian Northern Railway.

As the staff of the Industrial School are in quarantine this festive Christmas time the News extends to them the compliments of the season and wishes them all a merry Christmas.

John Reay, nine miles east of Red Deer, will sell by public auction at his farm his entire stock of horses, implements, household goods, on Dec. 28, see bills. S. Hodgkinson, auctioneer.

Messrs Reid and Mitchell, of Eagle Butte, near Olds, Alberta, had a train load of cattle on the Chicago market Nov. 29th, 33 head of which sold for \$5.75, the highest price paid for range cattle that day.

A little snow would greatly add to the pleasure of driving over the country roads these days. As it is people complain of the dust. Think of that you people who complain of the weather in Alberta.

Farmers attention! The Red Deer Mill keep on hand a full supply of bran, shorts, chopped wheat, chopped oats, chopped barley and Graham Flour. Your chopping done without delay. The Alberta Pacific Elevator Co.

The attendance at the High School is steadily increasing and the rooms are now full. It looks as though preparation will have to be made in the near future for more accommodation and in that case the old school will have to be fitted up for the purpose.

An alarm of fire on Thursday afternoon brought out the brigade. The fire was in the engine house of the Brackman-Ker Elevator and was extinguished by the chemical. Had it been necessary water could have been thrown in less than three minutes from time of alarm.

The Union Jack Exchange, Gaetz Avenue, north, has had the good old flag flying over the building during the past week. It gives the town quite a home-like appearance, and it is a habit it would be well for others of our loyal citizens to follow.

The Indian Industrial School is quarantined for diphtheria and will remain so until the middle of January. So far only one child has the disease and she was able to be up last week. No further cases are feared. Rev. Mr. Barner is the only one who is not quarantined and he does not come in contact with any one of the staff or pupils. He attends to all the wants of the institution.

We made Councillor Tallman say in his card of thanks last week that he would "try" to take the opportunity to thank the electors when it should have read "beg" to take the opportunity. The lady in the office could not see why Frank wanted to beg anybody for a vote when every body seemed to be voting for him. Then after looking at the copy sideways, upside down and every other way they concluded he was so busy getting into his new store he was trying to find an opportunity and couldn't. So "try" it was.

Big fun at the rink Christmas day.

Best Bros. are showing many pretty things suitable for Xmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gray, of Hillsdown, were in town making Christmas purchases last Friday.

Mrs. George Wilkins desires to thank the Fire Brigade for the excellent work they did in saving her block from destruction during the recent fire in Miss Low's store.

Children's bracelets elegant designs from \$1.00 up at H. H. Humbers.

Now that the water mains to the south are complete, overscor Milfin and his gang of men will turn their attention to completing the sewers in the north end of the town.

For Christmas and New Year Holidays the Canadian Pacific Railway announces a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. For New Year December 28, 29, 30 and 31 and January 1, final return limit on all tickets January 5, 1909.

Penhold Rifle Association.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Dec. 4th, when the Penhold Rifle Association held their annual banquet.

After full justice had been done to the excellent dinner provided by Mr. and Mrs. Spruhnn, of the Imperial hotel, the prizes were presented to the fortunate winners, the generosity of the local merchants making it possible to award some very handsome prizes. The following is the list of the winners:

CLASS A.

1. L. Domoney, score 200, cup and gold button, this being the third time in succession that he has won the cup, it becomes his property; 2. J. Farrar, 197, silver button; 3. F. Domoney, 187, bronze button; 4. W. Whiteside, gold pin, donated by P. C. Newlands; 5. A. Hives, cleaning outfit; 6. E. Carswell, sight black.

CLASS B.

1. F. Brooker, fur caller, donated by Wilson Bros.; 2. E. Reeves, thermometer, donated by Wilson Bros.; 3. H. Henderson, sight sight; 4. I. Noble, cleaning outfit; 5. E. Vincent, score book; 6. W. Carswell, razor, donated by Mr. Robinson.

CLASS C.

1. B. Carswell, range telescope, donated by Stewart Bros.; 2. T. Wells, score book; 3. L. Bourne, rifle sight; 4. E. Hives, knife, donated by Wilson Bros.; 5. F. Carr, sight black; 6. W. Henderson, sight black.

RANGE PRIZES.

200, prone, L. Domoney, 31, button; 200, kneeling, J. Farrar, 28, button; 200, rapid fire, H. Henderson, 31, button; 300, A. Hives, 29, button; 500, L. Domoney, 32, button; 600, F. Domoney, 29, button.

An excellent programme followed, consisting of toasts, songs, etc. The toast list being:

"The P. R. A." responded to by Captain Whiteside.
"The Officers" responded to by Secretaries A. Speakman and A. Hives.
"Our Members" responded to by R. A. Johnston.
"The Prize Winners" responded to by L. Domoney and J. Farrar.
"The Prize Givers" responded to by T. Stewart.
"The Army" responded to by Sergeant Downman.
"The Ladies" responded to by J. Farrar.

Among those who sang, were heard: E. Carswell, A. Hives, E. Cartmel, G. Green, J. Farrar and James Willy of our's.

At the close of the proceedings, the Vice President E. Carswell was presented with a handsome bronze inkstand, as a mark of appreciation of his services to the association in the past.

The banquet closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

A. SPEAKMAN,
Sec. P. R. A., Penhold.

Red Deer Independent Squadron.

This week will see Red Deer Independent Squadron complete with a full complement of 74 officers and men, divided between Pine Lake and Red Deer, under the charge of Lieut. H. L. Gaetz who will be promoted to command the squadron. The other officers are R. W. Page, L. S. Carriek and George Rothnie, Lieutenants. The requisitions for equipment will be sent forward next week to Ottawa and should be shipped back so as to reach here not later than February.

Seed Fairs in Alberta.

Seed Fairs will be held throughout the Province as follows: Irvine Jan. 14; Three Hills Jan. 14; Taber Jan. 15; Lethbridge Jan. 16; Three Hill Valley Jan. 16; Raymond Jan. 18; Magrath Jan. 19 and 20; Alix Jan. 20; Lacombe Jan. 21; Cardston Jan. 21; Red Deer Jan. 22; Macleod Jan. 23; Sedgewick Jan. 25; Daysland Jan. 26; Gleichen Jan. 26; Didabury Jan. 27; Port Saskatchewan Jan. 28; Olds Jan. 28; Vegreville Jan. 29; Vermilion Jan. 30; Innisfail Jan. 29 and 30; Alberta Provincial seed fair, Calgary Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

Hillsdown Christmas Service.

There will be divine service at St. Paul's church, Hillsdown, on Christmas Day, at 11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)

It looks as if the Conservatives of Great Britain were about to take up the question of nationalizing the railways of the United Kingdom and putting it in their platform. If they do this they will have a rallying cry in the next election that will prove as potent as the free trade cry that swept the country fifty years ago. When a great party like the Conservatives of Great Britain takes up an issue it means something, because a struggle of the nature and magnitude involved in the adoption of such a policy is never undertaken without the cost being counted in advance. Politics in great Britain are not conducted upon the same happy go lucky haphazard, if we win we may do something, if we lose we can drop it, plane, that exist in other countries that we need not specify. That it means something to deliberately adopt a policy, and a party succeeded to office upon a policy, would as soon think of repudiating the scientific fact that the earth is round, as they would of declining to carry out a policy upon which they succeeded with the electors.

The great wave that is passing over Great Britain in favor of Socialism, whose chief aim is state ownership of all natural monopolies is no doubt exerting a leavening influence even upon the Tory party. Its leaders are doubtless shrewd

enough to recognize the trend of public opinion and take advantage of it. If Great Britain is to be saved from the impending struggle, and all that such means between the masses and the classes, over such medieval institutions as the hereditary House of Lords, the Established Church and the feudal system of land tenure, it can only be saved by the classic talking up and inaugurating the reforms that the masses are clamoring for and which they will never rest till they secure. It is an intolerable state of affairs to think that the land of Great Britain is held by the descendants of a handful of feudal lords who keep it as game preserves for the noble "lords" and their friends to disport themselves with the gun and fishing rod while hundreds of thousands if not millions go about the street hungry and half naked for want of a chance to grow something to eat on the land that God intended for the people.

There will certainly be a reckoning one of these days. The way to avert it is to take up such reforms as the masses are crying out for, such as public ownership. Once the idea spreads, it will soon be public ownership of the land and if the classes are reasonable and wise they can accomplish by peaceable and human means what might otherwise prove a distracting revolution, if not a struggle characterized by methods calculated to remind us of the early troublous times.

Cont Found.

George Domoney found a dark grey overcoat on the road last week. Owner can have it by applying to News Office.

To the Citizens of Red Deer.

The question is asked us every day "Are you going to raise the price of Milk this winter?" No we are not! When one of the milkmen said he would sell milk after the first of November for 4 cts. we said we would quit the business before we would sell at that price. Our customers said they were willing to pay us 5 cents. Now we cannot go back on them. So our rate is therefore 5 CENTS per quart for this winter.

R. O. FITCH & SONS,
Ayrshire Dairy, Red Deer.

Harness
Harness
Saddles
Blankets
Robes
Fur Coats
Harness Oils and Dressings
PHONE 191.
Bawtinheimer & Sons.
Gaetz Ave., RED DEER.

SACRIFICE SALE.

At the recent fire in the Wilkins Block some of our goods got slightly damaged by water soaking through, and we have decided to sacrifice our entire stock of Clothing, Shirts, Caps and Sweaters

FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS,

at prices that will clear out our stock before the Spring shipment arrives.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH,

We will sell at the following prices:

\$8.00 Suits	-	To Clear	\$4.95	\$15.00 Suits	-	To Clear	\$11.00
9.00 "	-	"	5.95	16.00 "	-	"	11.75
10.00 "	-	"	6.75	17.00 "	-	"	12.25
11.00 "	-	"	7.50	18.00 "	-	"	12.75
12.00 "	-	"	8.50	20.00 "	-	"	13.95
13.00 "	-	"	9.25	22.00 "	-	"	15.00
14.00 "	-	"	10.25	24.50 "	-	"	16.75

Sweaters and several dozen Winter Caps going at Half Price.

FINE SHIRTS.

Our \$1.50 Shirt at	-	\$1.15
" 1.25 "	-	.90
" 1.00 "	-	.60

CHILDREN'S SUITS.

Our \$5.50 Suits at	-	\$4.00
" 4.25 "	-	3.00
" 3.50 "	-	2.50

Boys' 15c. and 25c. Braces going at 5c. and 10c.

TENNANT BROS.,

Ross Avenue.